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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS
FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS
For Electors at Large
JOHN F. HILL, of Augusta
JOEL WILBUR, of Avon
First District—EDWIN PARSONS
Second District—A. R. NICKERSON
Third District—FRED ATWOOD
Fourth District—ALBERT H. SAWYER
FOR CONGRESSMEN
First District—
Second District—NELSON DINGLEY, JR
Third District—SETH L. MILLIKEN
Fourth District—CHARLES A. BOUTELLE

STATE OF MAINE.

By Henry B. Cleaves, Governor

A PROCLAMATION.

By the advice of the Executive Council THURSDAY, the twenty-third day of April is appointed a day of

Fasting and Prayer.

The Christian people of our State during its [illegible] history have cherished and [illegible] instinct to observe this day by abstaining [illegible] all unnecessary labor and by humbling [illegible] the universal longing [illegible] heart of [illegible] by recounting the numerous blessings of Heaven upon [illegible] country and state in [illegible] by imploring the gracious Creator and Ruler of all hearts and lives

This exercise [illegible] the good custom [illegible] the early fathers is still worthy [illegible] and may be observed in a befitting manner by all the people of the commonwealth

Given at the Executive Chamber in Augusta this 8th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety six and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and twentieth

HENRY B. CLEAVES

By the Governor
NEHEMIAH B. SMITH, Secretary of State

Solid Instructions.

The editor in charge of the Mckinley [illegible] in the New York Tribune should polish his spectacles The Sunday edition of that paper gives a list of the delegates thus far elected in the different States and in reporting the names of the two district delegates chosen by the convention in Bangor last week places them in the Reed column But says they were uninstructed For the information of the editor of the Tribune we reproduce the following resolution adopted by the Fourth Congressional District convention

Resolved, That it is cause for congratulation that in the pending Presidential canvass the Republican party presents candidates of such high character and proved abilities as those prominently named, and the Republicans of Maine have especial reason for pride in expressing their unbounded desire that our own distinguished fellow citizen, HONORABLE THOMAS B REED who for more than a decade has been the brilliant Republican leader of the House of Representatives, who has won world wide fame as the greatest parliamentary reformer of the age, and whose lofty integrity, broad statesmanship and intellectual force are recognized and honored by men of all parties shall be renominated and elected as the next President of the United States To this end the delegates chosen by this convention will use every honorable effort

Instructions to delegates from this State are unnecessary as everybody is for Mr Reed, but in order that no room be left for outside advocates of other candidates to quibble over the matter the instructions of the most specific character were included in the resolutions The Tribune should revise its text in the interest of accuracy

An Amusing Statement

The Commercial must have been hard pushed for something with which to fill its columns when it published the alleged despatch from Washington concerning the excitement at the capital over the election of Dr Thompson as one of the delegates at large from this State instead of Hon Harrison Hume The announcement that it has just been learned that this opposition originated with Congressman Boutelle, will cause much amusement among the Republicans of Washington county The gentlemen from that section of the State usually know what they want and do not ask anyone to arrange their affairs for them Hurry up to Bangor and pat united one of the foremost men in the country, in the person of Hon William Nash, for Congressman-at-large from the Fourth District delegate

The convention recognized the entire right of the county to select its own men and promptly elected Mr Nash Penobscot had a candidate in the person of Col Plummer who was also elected without opposition Aroostook, which will furnish the candidate for Governor, asked for nothing and Piscataquis in the natural order of things came in for the delegate-at-large for which position the county presented one of the leading Republicans of the State, Dr F A. Thompson of Dover At a meeting of the delegates from the four counties held for the purpose of naming candidates he was unanimously selected and the nomination was seconded by Mr Hume, who announced to the meeting that he was not a candidate and had not been a candidate for the position, notwithstanding the fact that his name had been published in the papers.

The Commercial is welcome to all the political thunder it can possibly manufacture out of that incident. That paper has frequently discovered a mare's nest in this district, but it has failed to materialize in the convention. Mr. Boutelle had nothing whatever to do with the selection of delegates from this State, but was in Washington attending to his business, and the Fourth District is in entire accord over the selection that was made as it would be impossible to find a better representative of Eastern Maine Republicanism than Dr Thompson

Another Yarn Exploded.

For some time past a statement has been going the rounds of the free trade press to the effect that labor gets 17 8 per cent. and the employer 82 2 per cent. of the product of labor. As this statement was based, or so claimed, on the figures prepared by Carroll D. Wright, that gentlemen has taken occasion to correct the misrepresentation in a signed editorial in the Bulletin of the Labor Department. He exposes the fallacy of those figures which were obtained by taking, first, the aggregate wages reported in the census and dividing them by the aggregate of employes; and then taking the aggregate value of products and dividing that also by the number of employes, with the effect of showing a large discrepancy between the quotients. The real facts are these, according to the census of 1890: "The gross product per capita of employes was $2,204, and the average wages were $445. Instead of this being true, however, that the difference

cent. went to labor, 55 08 per cent. for materials, and only 24 74 per cent. was left for miscellaneous expenses, salaries, interest, profits, etc."

[Boston Journal]

Honors Well Deserved.

The traditional Maine policy of carefully selecting the State's public men and then keeping them long in the public service has never given a clearer demonstration of its practical wisdom than in this very year of 1896 At Auburn on Wednesday last the Republicans of the second Maine District renominated for the ninth successive term in Congress the Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., of Lewiston; at Bangor the Republicans of the Fourth Maine District renominated for the eighth term the Hon. Charles A. Boutelle

Both of these gentlemen are exceptionally able men, and acknowledged leaders in the House of Representatives. Mr Dingley holds the most important of all the House chairmanships—that of the Ways and Means Committee—and he is well entitled to the distinction, for there is no more accurate and profound student of finance and economy in Washington. Mr. Boutelle years ago won a national reputation as a ready and incisive debater, and as chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs has borne a conspicuous part in the creation of the new navy—a work for which he is most admirably fitted through his brilliant service as a United States sea officer in the Civil War.

There can be no scolding at Maine as a small State so long as it sends such men as these, with Reed and Frye and Hale and Milliken to Washington

[Portland Press]

The renomination of Congressmen Dingley and Boutelle was a foregone conclusion Both gentlemen have served the State and nation long in its legislative halls of Congress and each year their value and usefulness to their constituents have been augmented One of them is now the recognized leader of the House not merely from the fact that he is Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee but because of his wide knowledge sound judgment and skill in legislation Maine has obtained her conspicuous eminence in the councils of the nation by sending able men to Congress and keeping them there. Luckily she shows no disposition to abandon that policy

[Portland Express]

Three of Maine's districts have nominated their old and tried Congressmen for return for two years more to the important duties which they have come to understand so well and which they have done for so long with such credit to themselves and honor to the State Nelson Dingley, Jr., Seth L. Milliken and Charles A. Boutelle will return to the 54th Congress and there continue the valuable service they have done the State As to the fourth of the 'big four' which Maine has honored so long, and who have honored Maine so much, we are waiting to know if he will not be called to a higher place His service, more even than that of the other three, has been, already, of a national character No longer can the State of Maine claim him as her peculiar property and unless the hopes of his many admirers from all parts of the country are dashed it will become his duty to serve the nation in the most exalted position ever held by man The Maine delegation without Reed will still be strong and able even though one of its strongest members is transferred to other fields of labor The first district will doubtless be represented by a strong man, should Mr Reed be promoted

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